THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The project 'Development of Low Cost Canal Lining and Compaction of Embankments' was taken up for implementation in 1984 which UNDP input of $ 573, 7. The project was implemented by the then Ministry of Irrigation in collaboration with the State Governments of Haryana Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Uttar Pradesh. Subsequently, Rajasthan also joined. The project was completed in 1989 and UNDP assistance of $ 351, 843 was utilised.

Incineration-Cum-Power Generation Plant in Delhi

3060. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have sought compensation from a Danish firm-Messers Volund for setting up a refuse incineration power-cum-generation plant in Delhi, which never functioned; and

(b) if so, the loss suffered by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) Yes, Sir. Government has sought compensation from the turnkey contractor M/s Volund of Denmark for its failure to rectify defects in the refuse incineration-*cum*-power generation plant set up at Timarpur, Delhi and demonstrate its performance in accordance with the contract.

(b) The Government does not expect to suffer any loss as action has been initiated to recover full compensation from the turnkey contractor.

[*Translation*]

Pollution Control Measures by Power Plants in Rajasthan

3061. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of power plants in Rajasthan at present;

(b) whether these plants have installed water and air pollution controlling equipments;

(c) the details of the directives issued by the Union Government for installing these equipments in the power plants; and

(d) if not, the action proposed to be taken by the Government for their installations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The existing capacity in operation at present in Rajasthan is given below:–

Name of the Station	*Generating Capacity (MW)*
Kota (Thermal)	640
R.P. Sagar (Hydro)	172
Jawahar Sagar (Hydro)	99

Name of the Station	*Generating Capacity (MW)*
Mahi Bajaj (Hydro)	140
Anoopghar (Hydro)	13
Anta Gas Turbine	413
Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS)	300

(b) to (d). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Solar Energy

3062. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL:Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take steps to popularise various technologies for making solar equipments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In order to popularise various technologies for making solar equipments in the country including Maharashtra, the following steps are being taken during the year 1991-92:

(i) Funding of research projects for development of technologies to various research organisations.

(2) Pilot plant studies of new technologies.

(3) Exemption of Excise Duty and Central Sales Tax on Solar equipments.

(4) 100% depreciation for the installation of solar equipments and machinery used for manufacture of such equipments.

(5) Soft loan through Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency for manufacture and installation of solar equipments.

Suratgarh Thermal power Plant

3063. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on Suratgarh Thermal Plant has commenced and the allocation made in the current year;

(b) whether the farmers' agricultural land has been acquired for this purpose; and

(c) the area of the land acquired and the rate of compensation fixed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The scheme for instal-